18. Explain the major types of meaning changes with historical examples.

19. What factors contribute to the continuous growth of English vocabulary?

20. Analyse the phonological changes that have shaped English pronunciation.

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Time : Three hours Maximum : 75 marks

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SECTION A — (10 × 2 = 20 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

1. What is the significance of the Indo-European family in the history of English?

2. Name two important features of Old English.

3. How did Middle English differ from Old English?

4. What was the effect of the Viking invasions on the English language?

5. Mention two words borrowed from French into English.

6. What is an example of Latin influence on English grammar?

7. Define the term "semantic shift" with an example.

8. What is a consonant shift? Give one example.

9. List two vowel sounds that changed in the Great Vowel Shift.

10. What are the three stages of English language development?

SECTION B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

11. (a) What are the key linguistic features of Old English?

Or

(b) Explain how the Middle English period saw significant changes in vocabulary and pronunciation

12. (a) How did Greek contribute to scientific and technical vocabulary in English?

Or

(b) Discuss the influence of Scandinavian languages on English.

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13. (a) Explain how the Renaissance impacted English vocabulary growth.

Or

(b) What are some examples of English words that changed meaning over time?

14. (a) How do loanwords from Indian languages appear in English today?

Or

(b) What is the phonetic difference between vowels and diphthongs?

15. (a) How does phonology contribute to language change?

Or

(b) Describe the process of language change through borrowing and adaptation.

SECTION C — (3 × 10 = 30 marks)

Answer any THREE questions.

16. Discuss the classification of English within the Indo-European language family.

17. Compare and contrast Old, Middle and Modern English with examples.